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MEMORANDUM-FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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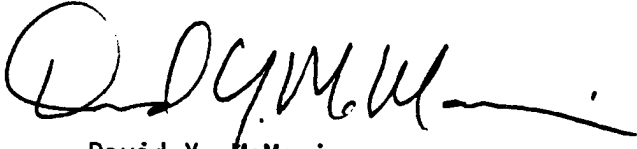
SUBJECT: Soviet/U.S. Tension

1. The recent SNIE-11-10-84 JX, Implications of Recent Soviet Military-Political Activities, 18 May 1984, examined a range of Soviet political and military activities that are influenced by Soviet perceptions of a mounting challenge from U.S. foreign and defense policy. Each Soviet action could be sufficiently explained by its own military or political purpose consistent with developing military readiness or a "get-tough" policy to counter the current U.S. stance.

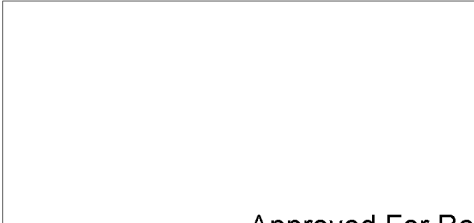
2. We do not basically disagree with the conclusions. However, in the face of increasing indicators in the media, civil defense sector, security operations, political harrassment, logistical area, the economy, military activity, intelligence operations, and political activity we believe that a new and continuing review is required.

3. Our concern stems from the number of discreet and individually trivial events that our rather superficial review has uncovered. In fact, we believe that the several reports summarized in the attachment would be just the tip of the iceberg if a systematic review were accomplished.

4. We believe warning will come from the broad spectrum of activity. The depth and breadth of this activity demands careful and continuing review by the Intelligence Community to decide whether we are seeing preparations for a crisis manipulated by the USSR for the purpose of embarrassing or politically defeating the U.S. or this administration.


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Attachment


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